

NJPEP & CONTENT *Flash!*

NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey

March 2006

Web site:

<http://www.njpep.org>

**Sign up for the
NJPEP Monthly
Online Newsletter**

Send **NJPEP** an e-mail:
njpep@doe.state.nj.us

**Need a turnkey
workshop to train
your curriculum
supervisors?**

NJPEP representatives
and contact information
are as follows:

SOUTH

Dorothy Atkins
609-292-5276

CENTRAL

Patricia Green
609-943-4201

NORTH

Maria Mendez
609-943-5201

Contact us at:

609-292-9069

or

E-mail:

njpep@doe.state.nj.us

Lavinia Kumar
Manager
609-943-3550

Front Page Items

1. **Virtual World:** Check out educational happenings in the Web world! You'll see links to simulations, and online classes for teachers and students.
<http://www.njpep.org/virtual/index.html>
2. **In and Around the Classroom** provides important information related to various classroom issues, including assessment. See <http://www.njpep.org/>
3. **Professional Development** gives the latest professional development information in and around New Jersey. See <http://www.njpep.org/> Also check out frequently updated **Opportunities** at <http://www.njpep.org/workshops/opps/index.html>.
4. **Workshops.** See NJPEP's list of free workshops at <http://www.njpep.org/workshops/index.html>. Download a brochure of NJPEP and Content Standards workshops at <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/educators/cccsdpd.pdf>.

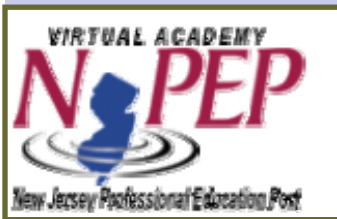
Assessment Resources

1. **NJ ASK 3 & 4:** Sample Tests: <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/assessment/es/sample/njask.htm> and http://www.njpep.org/workshops/3_4/index.html
2. **NJ ASK 2006** (Grades 5, 6 and 7): Information (<http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/ms/5-7/>) and Sample Tests (http://www.njpep.org/assessment/5_7/index.html)
3. **GEPA:** information (<http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/ms/>) and sample tests (http://www.njpep.org/assessment/gepa_hints/Components/StateTests.html)
4. **HSPA:** information (<http://www.nj.gov/njded/assessment/hs/>), tutorials (<http://www.njpep.org/assessment/index.html>), and sample tests (http://www.njpep.org/assessment/hspa_hints/components/StateTests.html).

Professional Development Opportunities

March 2006

1. **March 3, 2006: Biographies, Autobiographies, and Joe Friday.** Workshop will work with actual district data to guide teachers through the process of developing their professional development plans, including how to validate progress with student performance data. **Register at www.flenj.org.** There is **ONE** free registration for each district selected to participate in the assessment project; however, all districts must still register through FLENJ.
2. **Mission to Mars** at Somerset County Ted Blum 4-H Center, by NASA group at Purdue University. **March 7-8, 2006.** For teachers of grades 5-8.
<http://www.njpep.org/homepage/files/wordocs/MissiontoMars2006.pdf>
3. **March 17-18: Foreign Language Educators of NJ (FLENJ) Annual Statewide Conference.** For more information and registration details, visit www.flenj.org.
4. **Rethinking Assessment: Developing Meaningful Measures, March 17, 2006.** At Passaic County Public Safety Academy, Wayne. <http://education.state.nj.us/events/detail.php?recid=2406>
5. **17th Annual National Service-Learning Conference: We the People, March 22-25, 2006,** Philadelphia, PA. <https://programs.regweb.com/metro/NSLC2006/>



Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities April and May 2006

1. **New Jersey School Counselor Association 2006 Spring Professional Development Conference, Thursday, April 6, 2006**, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ.
<http://www.njsca.org/>
2. **Spring Social Studies Conference** at Monmouth University, **April 8, 2006**. For more information, visit the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies site. <http://www.njcass.org/>
3. **Drilling Down Using Data**. At Passaic County Public Safety Academy, Wayne, **April 8, 2006**. Cost = \$75. Register at <http://education.state.nj.us/events/detail.php?recid=2408>
4. **Technology Educators Association of New Jersey (TEANJ) Technology and Expo Conference, April 27-28, 2006**, Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ.
<http://www.teanj.org/conference/TEANJ/index.htm>
5. **New Jersey Business/Technology Education Association (NJBTEA) Spring Conference, May 11, 2006**, The Pines Manor, Edison, NJ.
<http://lhsweb.lrk12.nj.us/santangelo/professionalopportunities.htm>

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities Summer 2006

1. **Rainforest Workshops - Teachers & Students to the Amazon**
For expedition information or funding ideas call Dr. Frances Gatz at 1-800-669-6806, email fgatz@earthlink.net or visit the website <http://www.travel2learn.com>
 - **14th annual Educator's Amazon Rainforest Workshop, July 7-16, 2006**. This 10-day event is a professional development opportunity for teachers to work side-by-side with a faculty of scientists. Land cost for this educator workshop is \$1998, plus roundtrip airfare.
 - Teachers can TRAVEL FREE during our **8-day Student Amazon Rainforest workshops on June 15, June 25, or July 5, 2006**, while giving students and their families the benefits of educational travel to one of the most diverse environments in the world. Bring a group of 6 and travel with all of your expenses paid. Land cost for students & families is \$1798, plus air.
2. **Save the Date: NJDOE August Conference in Atlantic City!** August 7-9, 2006.

Parents and Students

1. Check out the links to:
 - **The National Network of Partnership Schools**
 - **Best Buy Scholarships**
http://www.njpep.org/parents_students/index.html
2. **Tech-Xploration, A Technology Adventure for Teen Girls** (for sophomore girls). **July 2006** at Middlesex County Community College, Edison, NJ. Apply online or call 732.906.7735.
<http://www.njcate.org/tech-xploration/>

Selected Classroom Resources for March

1. **Monthly Activity Calendar: March 2006** from Enchanted Learning. Ideas for each day.
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/activitycalendars/2006/mar.shtml>
2. Check out the **National Children's Folksong Repository**. The purpose of the site is to promote cultural understanding among children.
<http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/NCFR/NCFR.html>
3. **March Into Women's History Month!** Links to various educational sites related to this topic.
http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/curr058.shtml

March 2006

New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/cccs/>

Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/contact.htm>

Professional Standards Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/>

Contact Information for Professional Standards:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/contact.shtml>

Evaluation and Assessment Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/>

Contact Information for Evaluation and Assessment:
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/contact.shtml>